

In the Claims

A complete listing of claims is presented here for ease of reference:

Listing of claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of closing an end of ~~forming~~ a bag during its manufacture, the method including:
~~providing starting with~~ an elongate tubular member having opposed ends, at least one end of which defines an open mouth~~[[;]]~~ , forming a folded portion comprising folding opposed portions of the tubular member to extend at least partially across the mouth;
positioning a panel to extend across the ~~opposed~~ folded portion~~[[s]]~~ so that a main portion of the panel covers the folded portion and a remainder portion extends beyond the folded portion; and
securing the main portion of the panel and the ~~opposed~~ folded portion~~[[s]]~~ together thereby to form ~~a base of the bag to close~~ closure for the mouth; ~~at the at least one end of the tubular member~~;
forming a handle for the bag using the remainder portion of the panel; wherein the handle is integral with the closure.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1 ~~[[4]]~~, wherein forming the handle comprises ~~which further includes~~ forming an aperture in ~~each of the free~~ opposed portions of the ~~panel~~ remainder portion thereby to define opposed handles.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1 ~~[[6]]~~, further comprising in which the method further includes securing the free portion of the panel at least some parts of the remainder portion to the tubular member ~~beyond the fold line~~.

8. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 7, wherein securing the free remainder portion of the panel to the tubular member ~~beyond the fold line~~ includes forming a cuff formation.

9. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein forming the handle comprises ~~which further includes forming a handle it~~ on the cuff formation.

10. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 9, wherein forming the handle on the cuff formation includes forming an aperture in the cuff formation.

11. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim ~~9~~ 10, wherein forming the handle on the cuff formation includes securing a handle member to the cuff formation.

12. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 11, wherein the handle member includes a handle portion and opposed extension portions, securing the handle member to the cuff formation then including positioning the handle member such that the extension portions extend internally along the cuff formation.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Withdrawn) A bag including:
an elongate tubular member having at least one closed end;
opposed portions of the tubular member at the closed end, which opposed portions extend toward each other; and a panel secured to and extending across the opposed portions.

21. (Withdrawn) The bag as claimed in claim 20, wherein the panel includes a first portion secured to the opposed portions of the tubular member and at least one free portion free of the opposed portions.

22. (Withdrawn) The bag as claimed in claim 21, which includes an aperture in the at least one free portion of the panel to serve as a handle.

23. (Withdrawn) The bag as claimed in claim 21, wherein the panel includes a middle portion secured to the opposed portions of the tubular member and two opposed free portions free of the opposed portions.

24. (Withdrawn) The bag as claimed in claim 23, which further includes an aperture in each free portion of the panel to serve as handles.

25. (Withdrawn) The bag as claimed in claim 21, wherein the opposed portions of the tubular member are folded along a fold line and the at least one free portion of the panel extends beyond the fold line and is secured to the tubular member beyond the fold line.

26. (Withdrawn) The bag as claimed in claim 25, wherein the at least one free portion of the panel is secured to the tubular member so as to define a cuff formation.

27. (Withdrawn) The bag as claimed in claim 26, which further includes a handle on the cuff formation.

28. (Withdrawn) The bag as claimed in claim 27, wherein the handle is defined by an aperture in the cuff formation.

29. (Withdrawn) The bag as claimed in claim 27, wherein the handle is defined by a handle member which includes a handle portion and opposed extension portions extending internally along the cuff formation.

30. (Withdrawn) The bag as claimed in claim 23, wherein the opposed portions of the tubular member are folded along a fold line and each free portion of the panel extends beyond the fold line and is secured to the tubular member beyond the fold line.

31. (Withdrawn) The bag as claimed in claim 30, wherein each free portion of the panel is secured to the tubular member so as to define a cuff formation.

32. (Withdrawn) The bag as claimed in claim 31, which further includes a handle on each cuff formation.

33. (Withdrawn) The bag as claimed in claim 32, wherein each handle is defined by an aperture in cuff formations.

34. (Withdrawn) The bag as claimed in claim 32, wherein each handle is defined by a handle member which includes a handle portion and opposed extension portions extending internally along the cuff formations.

35. (Currently Amended) A method of forming a closure for one end of a bag during its manufacture, the method including:

~~providing starting with~~ a tubular member having an open mouth at ~~least one end~~[[;]]
closing the open mouth by folding opposed portions of the tubular member to define a folded portion that ~~to that~~ extends at least partially across the mouth;

~~and~~-securing a panel to the folded portion[[s]] to form a the closure; wherein at least a remainder portion of the panel extends beyond the folded portion ~~base of the bag~~; and

forming at least one cuff formation in the remainder portion such the cuff portion is integral with the closure ~~at the end~~.

36. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 35, wherein forming at least one cuff formation comprises ~~at the end includes~~ forming two opposed cuff formations ~~at the end~~.

37. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 35 or 36, which further includes forming a handle on the, or each, cuff formation.

38. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 37, wherein forming the handle on the, or each, cuff formation includes forming an aperture in the, or each, cuff formation.

39. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 37, wherein forming the handle on the, or each, cuff formation includes securing a handle member to the, or each, cuff formation.

40. (Cancelled)

41. (Withdrawn) A bag including: a tubular member having at least one closed end; and at least one cuff formation at the end.

42. (Withdrawn) The bag as claimed in claim 41, which includes two cuff formations at the end.

43. (Withdrawn) The bag as claimed in claim 41 or 42, which includes a handle on the, or each, cuff formation.

44. (Withdrawn) The bag as claimed in claim 43, wherein the handle includes an aperture in the, or each, cuff formation.

45. (Withdrawn) The bag as claimed in claim 43, wherein the handle includes a handle member secured on the, or each, cuff formation.

46. (Withdrawn) The bag as claimed in any one of claims 41 to 45 inclusive, wherein first opposed portions of the tubular member and second opposed portions of the tubular member are secured together to form the closed end.

47. (Cancelled)

48. (Withdrawn) A bag substantially as herein described and illustrated.